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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Biographic Intelligence

1. Colonel Moreau and Mr. Hutzel came up, at my invitation, to discuss the Biographic Policy Board on 18 September. We concluded from our discussion that we should defer the actual decision on a Biographic Policy Board until we see whether the problem warrants this instrumentality. It was agreed that Jean Moreau would call a meeting of BR customers at which Hutzel would set forth the services and facilities which are available in BR, and the representatives of the several customer offices would be asked to make a thorough survey within their own offices of the ways in which the biographic material could be used by them.

2. I was not able to get any very specific definition of the sort of problem which Hutzel believes requires guidance from the proposed Board, but he did mention several of the problems which are now confronting them. For example:

the type of exploitation which should be undertaken with

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the nature of the requests which BR can honor and which the consumer offices would raise;

the cost of providing biographic services;

guidance on the problem of selecting the ^{personalities} ~~advice~~ about whom either biographic records will be kept or biographic summaries will be prepared.

3. Jean Moreau intends to call this meeting in the near future and we are expected to attend. I asked him to think out carefully before the meeting what problems might legitimately be considered in such a meeting quite apart from the major operation of indoctrinating the consumer offices in the services which biographic intelligence is able to render.

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